



**Delaware Bicycle Council
June 3, 2009
DelDOT Administration Building
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present

Fred Breukelman, Department of Public Health
Fran Cardaci, At -Large Representative
Tom Hartley, Kent County Representative
Sgt. George Heberling, DE State Police
Judith Jeffers, At-Large Representative
Mike Krumrine, DNREC Representative
John Pasquale, DHSS
Amy Wilburn, AT-Large Representative

DelDOT Support Staff Present

Anthony Aglio, Bike/Ped Coordinator
Jennifer Baldwin, Planner
Tom Felice, DelDot Representative
Liddy Campbell, Administrative Assistant, DelDot

Members Absent

Walt Bryan, Sussex County Representative
Doug Mills, New Castle County Rep.
Lisa Moore, Office of Highway Safety
John Ray, Department of Education
Fritz Schranck, Deputy Attorney General, DelDOT
Robert Witsil, At-Large Representative

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introduction of Guests

Amy started the meeting off by asking the Council members to introduce themselves. Everyone also welcomed Fran Cardaci to the meeting. She will be taking over Rob Witsil's council position.

II. Events Announcements

Boys & Girls Club of America "Day for Kids"

Judi informed the Council that the event would take place in September. It's an annual event hosted by the Boys & Girls Club of America. More information can be found on their website www.dayforkids.org.

Hagley Bike Event

Amy reminded the Council members about the upcoming bike/hike event at the Hagley Center in Wilmington and asked everyone to vote on a date and everyone agreed on Wednesday, July 29th from 5-7pm. She also mentioned it would be a good idea for everyone to be early and if possible bring a bike to participate.

Kent County Safe Summer Day

Anthony informed the Council about the annual Kent County Safe Summer Day that will take place on June 13th from 10am-2pm at Brecknock Park, in Camden Delaware. Anthony stated that the Bicycle Council will be participating in the event by handing out bicycle safety materials.

Delaware State Fair

Jennifer asked the Council if they would be participating in the annual Delaware State Fair this year. Anthony will contact Mike Love to see if we will be participating.

III. Old Business

Committee Reports

3 ft. Passing Law

Amy explained to the Council that Senator David Sokola will be taking the lead along with 3 other sponsors to try and push the proposed bill forward before legislation ends their session the end of June. Amy suggested that it would be a good idea to have other bicycle affiliates involved to show their support towards having the bill passed. Amy informed the council members she will follow up on the progress of the bill and keep the Council members informed.

Off-road/trail facilities

Amy asked the Council if any progress had been made. Mike Krumrine announced that East Coast Greenway received acceptance to order signs and next month they will be working on markings.

Bike friendly business/making state buildings bike friendly

Anthony stated to the Council members that DelDOT is working on a program that would provide a bike friendly environment. Anthony mentioned that he is working transforming an old shed to help provide additional storage for bicycles, and other bike safety materials. This will also help in freeing up space for the existing bicycle lockers and allow others to bring their bikes into work and store them in a safe place.

Education

Judi informed the Council that she and Amy were scheduled to meet Dean Betts, from Department of Education prior to the Bike Council meeting, but he never showed. Judi will contact him to reschedule.

Bike Friendly Communities/Route 100 Bike Lane in Elsmere

John explained to the Council that funding has been approved for a bike/walking trail for the Town of Elsmere. They are also in negotiations with Wilmington to connect with their bike/walking trail.

Anthony mentioned that DelDOT may be able to help with some of the funding. John suggested Anthony to contact the Town Managers, John Giles for further information. John will update us on the progress of the project at the next bike council meeting.

Statewide Bicycle Summit Recap

Jennifer stated to the Council that the Bike Summit was a HUGE success! Over 250+ people attended. She mentioned that we received positive feedback from the surveys. Jennifer asked the Council if they felt this would be a good idea to have the event next year. All members agreed. Jim Westhoff from DelDOT Public Relations has suggestions for next year's event. He plans on attending the next Bicycle Council meeting to discuss. In the mean time, Anthony and Jennifer have a scheduled meeting with Secretary Wicks to give her a recap on the Bike Summit and also propose planning for next year. Anthony and Jennifer will update the Council members at the next meeting.

Bike Month Updates

Website

DelDOT's Public Relations Department suggested that the Bike Council add a Blog onto the website. The Council members agreed that this would be a good idea. Anthony and Jennifer will speak to our OIT department to see about getting this set up.

Tom Felice also suggested adding a Visitor Counter to the Bike Council Website, to keep track on how many people visit the website. Anthony and Jennifer will also speak to our OIT department about this as well.

Legislators Ride

Anthony stated that 104 cyclists participated. Anthony, Senator Sokola and Amy Wilburn also participated. The Governor was also in attendance.

Bike to Work Week

Anthony mentioned that a total of 226 people participated, setting an all time record.

Ride of Silence – 5/21

Anthony stated that ride took place in Sussex County and between 35-40 people participated in the ride. It was mentioned that media coverage was great, good write up in the local newspaper.

Wilmington Window Display

Kudos to Anthony and Kari for putting the window display together. The Council members thought it looked great. It was on display for a month. Judi helped with taking it down.

Newsletter

Jennifer explained to the Council members that she is working on the newsletter and asked members to email their newsletter articles.

IV. New Business

Helmet Incentive

Amy mentioned that she met with Sean Ellwell from Safe Kids to discuss the Helmet Incentive program which rewards kids for wearing their bicycle helmets. Safe Kids will be donating \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of helmets.

Anthony suggested to the bike council that since there was money left over from the Bike Summit, perhaps we could donate some of it towards the purchase of the helmets. The Council members agreed.

Jennifer also suggested some of the money could be used towards the purchasing of signs for the East Coast Greenway Trails project. The Council took a vote and all were in favor. Jennifer will coordinate with the East Coast Greenway.

Share the Road License Plate

All Council members agreed that this can wait and be discussed at the next scheduled Bicycle Council meeting in August.

Complete Streets Policy

Jennifer shared with the Council members a handout which included a proposed timeline and an Executive Order draft. Jennifer and Anthony will be attending the various meetings to work on the proposed policy. Jennifer asked the council members to review the draft and to please email her their comments prior to the next Bicycle Council meeting. Most of this subject will be covered in the next meeting in August.

C and D Canal

Jennifer stated that she is moving forward with establishing support through Mike Castle for the project. Jennifer also mentioned that Phase I design will begin June, 2010. Amy will write a letter of support on behalf of the Bicycle Council to the Army Corp. of Engineers , Jeff Dayton and Carolann to help will getting the project started.

***Next Meeting – August 5th**

Meeting adjourned 7:05pm.